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Special Section Inside

Former Congressman William Ford, 77, dies

By KATHLEEN CONAT
Courier Correspondent

Former U. S. Rep. William D. Ford, advocate of education opportunities for all children and health and safety measures for workers, died Saturday of complications from a stroke he had suffered six weeks before.

He was 77.

Born in Detroit on Aug. 6, 1927, of Scottish immigrant parents, William David Ford attended Henry Ford Trade School and graduated from Melvindale High School.

The first member of his family to go to college, he attended Wayne State University and the Nebraska State Teachers College before getting his B.A. from the University of Denver in 1949.

In 1951 he received his law degree from the University of Denver and was admitted to the bar the same year.

Ford served in the U. S. Navy from 1944-46 and in the U. S. Air Force Reserve from 1950-58, through the Korean Conflict.

Ford served as a Justice of the Peace for Taylor Township and city attorney for Melvindale before being elected as a delegate from the 19th District to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1960. After that, he was elected to the Michigan State Senate for the 21st District in 1962.

In 1964, Ford was part of the enormous Democratic wave that swept the Johnson Administration into office. He served Michigan's 15th Congressional District from 1965 through 1992, when redistricting changed his area to the 13th Congressional District, which he served from 1993 through 1995. He represented the Ypsilanti area during that period.

Ford served on the House Committee on Education and Labor for 30 years, four of them (1991-1995) as its chair. During that time, Ford was instrumental in getting passed such education measures as Head Start, and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Higher Education Act.

He also was a guiding force behind the Adult Education Act, the Bilingual Education Act, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, the National and Community Service Trust Act and the Goals 2000: Education America Act. He was author of the Middle Income Student Assistance Act.

The William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program was named for him in 1994, in recognition of his efforts to expand educational opportunities and lower the costs of education for students.

As the result of his father's death in a factory accident, Ford had a life-long dedication to worker health and safety. He helped pass laws covering job safety, pension protection, support for American workers whose jobs moved to Mexico and fair trade treatment for the auto industry and its workers.

He aided in the implementation of OSHA, helped in securing protection for coalminers afflicted with "black lung," and worked for 14 years before seeing plant closing notification become law.

Ford authored the Family and Medical Leave Act, the first bill signed into law by President Clin-

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WILLIAM FORD

Festival's new coordinator guides event

By BARBARA BICKNELL
Courier Correspondent

Kevin Gilmartin, the new coordinator for the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, is a man of vision.

"My point of view is always my interest and wonder in what audiences are thinking, feeling and what their experience (of the event) is. It's about the interplay, and watching what happens. So, in a sense, the perspective I have on the world is one from an audience point of view. That is a constant source of wonder to me. That's the way I look at the world."

Gilmartin was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. Most of his family lives in the metropolitan area. Educated and trained in theater on the east coast, he has worked as a performer, producer and director. His career has taken him to the Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater, Mich., to the Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester, Mich., to Boston, Mass., and back, again to Michigan.

"Actually, I got a call from the University of Michigan asking if I wanted to be part of the Major Events Office." Gilmartin worked as Director of Major Events for twenty years. He retired from that position in 2003.

Soon after, he landed the position of coordinator for the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival.

COURIER PHOTO/MARK MUELLER

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival director Kevin Gilmartin is overseeing operations that will fill Riverside Park this weekend.

"I jumped on it," Gilmartin remembers. "I saw that the YHF was looking for a coordinator. The YHF really fits with my primary interest, to contribute by finding ways to present local artists and local productions. I'm very happy I have an opportunity to do that now."

When asked what he hopes to

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Township official dies unexpectedly

By PETE HEYN
Courier Staff

Ypsilanti Township residential services director Brett St. Pierre died Monday, Aug. 16. He was 45.

Known in the Ypsilanti Township offices as "DeMan," Mr. St. Pierre was remembered for his pleasant demeanor and attitude towards serving the residents of the township.

Township Supervisor Karen Lovejoy Roe said she would miss Mr. St. Pierre a great deal.

"He was here for such a short time, but his handprint will be on the township for a long time," said Lovejoy Roe. He had an impact on all our programs. He was like Mr. Ypsilanti township."

Lovejoy Roe said Mr. St. Pierre played a major role in a whole host of Ypsilanti Township projects and programs from building recreation facilities to sidewalks.

"Brett had his fingers in just about everything that gets done in Ypsilanti Township," said Joann Brinker, Ypsilanti Township Administrative Services/Human Resources Director.

"He was directly involved in four departments, Recreation, Buildings, Operations and Environmental Services. When we needed something done we could always rely on 'DeMan' to get it done. He was a

BRETT ST. PIERRE

really good guy to work with. He was always able to find the bright side when things were down. Brett always had a hunting or a fishing story or a joke to bring you up if you were down. He was so proud of the service he provided the township," Brinker said.

Keith Peters, president of the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce, worked with Mr. St. Pierre who headed up Ypsilanti Pride. "Brett will be sorely missed. He was a dynamo running Ypsi Pride and he has been greatly involved in bringing the Healing Fields to our area. He will be tremendously

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COURIER PHOTO/MARK MUELLER

Craig Willis will fill the position of interim president at Eastern Michigan University.

EMU interim shares ideas for university

By PETE HEYN
Courier Staff

While attending secondary school in Fostoria, Ohio, newly appointed interim president of Eastern Michigan University Craig Dean Willis first became aware of the school's existence.

"Even at that time I was aware Eastern's reputation has a fine teachers college," said Willis.

Willis said it was a little early to have a full grasp of the problems that beset the previous university administration but that he has been told by the regents to "get to the bottom of everything. My job is to pave a path for the new (permanent) president, to help the university move on."

Willis said he has not spoken with President Sam Kirkpatrick, who left the university last month, but Kirkpatrick is available to answer questions as needed.

"Upheavals and problems are going to occur at any school that has been around as long as Eastern has. What has impressed me is how dedicated the people are here, how much they want the university to realize it's potential, how much they want it to succeed," Willis said. "The key to moving forward is to make sure everything is open."

Willis said he brings a reputation for honesty and integrity to the president's office.

"In 22 years at my previous position (president of Lock Haven, Penn., University) I had to deal with many flare-ups – none as big as what happened here but I had to deal with a unionized faculty, and I had to make an unpopular personnel decision – for good reasons – that was ultimately borne out as a good decision."

Willis feels his first duty at Eastern is to "do no harm" and to incrementally move ongoing construction projects forward.

According to Willis, EMU's mission as a regional institution should be to provide programs that people need to aid society, be a good neighbor and provide significant research.

During his tenure at Lock Haven, Willis had a similar circumstance between Penn State and Lock Haven as Eastern does with the University of Michigan. "There are advantages to being close to a larger institution. It provides many possibilities. Both schools have a different niche to fill. Regional universities such as Eastern fill a national need," he said.

Willis, who is keeping his home in Lock Haven, said he resigned from the presidency there because he felt that "22 years of anyone's leadership is enough. I sensed it was time, and the new president is doing a fine job."

"When I resigned, I joined the

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About Town

OK, this is the really big weekend in Ypsilanti.

The 2004 Heritage Festival comes to town this weekend.

So let the partying begin.

And before you head down to the festival, take a minute to peruse this week's *Courier* and our special section on the festival.

They both contain a wealth of information, including a map and a complete schedule of events for the annual event.

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Brett St. Pierre, residential services director of Ypsilanti Township, died unexpectedly Monday.

For those of you who didn't know Brett, we just want you to know he was one of the nicest, most helpful people you would ever want to meet.

He took his job as a public servant seriously, and he spent time volunteering on a whole host of projects to improve his community.

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We got word this week that six more people are up for induction in the Willow Run Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame, which is one of our favorite local institutions, recognizes graduates of Willow Run High School who have made significant contributions.

The new inductees include:

• Ron Egnor, who is deceased, 1958 graduate, attorney.

• William McFarlane, 1965 graduate, Superior Township supervisor.

• Larry Newhouse, 1961 graduate, director of Ford Gallery at Eastern Michigan University.

• James Roberts, 1963 graduate, fire chief of the City of Ypsilanti.

• Donald Stewart, 1967 graduate, teacher and coach in Naples, Fla.

• Darryl Warner, 1985 graduate, school psychologist in Dearborn.

Congratulations to the six newest members of the Hall of Fame.

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Once the Heritage Festival is over, it's time to really start getting serious about the reopening of school for another year.

That's right, as scary as it might be, the summer is over, gone, kaput.

Winter is just around the corner, and that means you all need to start thinking about what you're going to buy all of us for Christmas.

We want lots of stuff, expensive stuff.

FISH FRY By Anthony J. Fisher

A man and his money are soon parted

James Mann — *Footnotes in History*

Otis Stark, of Mackville, Kans., had lived in Ypsilanti as a young man, but had been away for 25 years when he returned in August of 1904 to bury the body of his father.

It had been the dying request of his father to be brought back to Ypsilanti for burial. Two years after the death of his father, Stark was ready to carry out the wish.

The interment was held on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 1904, and Stark decided to spend a few days renewing old acquaintances.

On Friday, Aug. 20, 1904, Stark spent a good part of the day meeting friends and standing up for drinks in the local bars.

He returned to the Occidental Hotel on North Huron Street, a little the worse for wear. Soon after he discovered his wad of some $700 in cash was missing. He informed the management of the Occidental Hotel, and demanded the police be called in immediately.

Officer Ryan, of the Ypsilanti Police Department, went to the Occidental Hotel to talk with Stark. Ryan later said Stark was sober at the time he talked with him.

Ryan searched Stark, and found a pocketbook on his person containing $65, belonging to a man named Fred Harris, with whom Stark had spent part of the evening. Stark said he did not know where he got the pocketbook, or how the money got into it. Of the money Stark said was stolen there was no trace.

Officer Ryan left the hotel for the home of Fred Harris to place him under arrest. Ryan was followed by a man named Frank Harmon, a former Ann Arbor saloon keeper who had been staying at the Occidental for some time.

Harmon asked Ryan if he "was out for the coin." Ryan answered, "He wanted all he could get." Harmon told Ryan that he knew Harris had the money, but if Ryan would return to the hotel and tell Stark he could not find Harris, he (Harmon) would see the money was split three ways, with Ryan, Harmon and Harris each getting their share. Later, when the three men were together, Harmon told Harris Ryan was next and told him to put the money down.

Harris said he knew nothing of the business. Ryan placed the two in the city lockup for the night.

Stark said he withdrew $1,000 from his account at the bank in Kansas, and gave $100 to his hired man.

He began the journey east with $900, paying his father's burial expenses and contracted for a marker for the grave, at a cost of $15. Stark said he was on his way to the Isle of Pines, where he expected to spend the winter with his family.

The next morning, Ypsilanti Chief of Police Warner telegraphed the bank in Kansas, where Stark said he kept his money. The bank informed Chief Warner that Stark had $5,500 deposited there, and before leaving Kansas had withdrawn $500.

"Now," noted *The Ypsilanti Evening Press* of Monday, Aug. 22, 1904, "if the rest of Stark's story is to be believed, he gave $100 to his hired man; that left him $400; tickets for himself and corpse from there to here, including incidentals such as berth, etc., must have been about $60; that left $340; he also paid to undertaker in Kansas for preparing body for shipment, $50, leaving $290; then he gave a local merchant $15 to pay for a marker on the grave, leaving $275; $50 for a lot in the cemetery, $225; $3 for an umbrella and about $10 for a coat, $212; about $12 for the funeral expenses here, $200; money on his person when searched by officer, $77, leaving $123 not accounted for. He was here spending his money very freely for three days, which would probably amount to $75 or $100, which would only leave $23, and if he was as lavish in the use of money on the train that amount could easily be accounted for."

The preliminary examination of Fred Harris was held on Tuesday, Aug, 23, 1904, and a large audience attended.

Stark was the first witness, and said he drew $500 from his bank the week before he left for Ypsilanti to make arrangements for caring for his father's remains.

He said he drew an additional $500 the day he left. Stark said he paid $26.10 to have the remains embalmed and $24.95 for his ticket to Chicago, so when he left Kansas he had $950.

At Ypsilanti he said he paid Mack & Mack $13 for caring for the remains, and Clark Wortley $50 for a lot in the cemetery and $15 for a marker. On Friday afternoon, he said, he bought a coat and umbrella for $11.

Stark said he went into the sample room of the Occidental to have a bill changed, and at the same time asked everyone in the bar room to have one on him.

"Later," reported *The Ypsilanti Sentinel-Commercial* of Aug. 25, 1904, "he met Harris, and together they went to Wortley's to buy the coat and umbrella. When they were coming up Congress Street (Michigan Ave.), Harris put his arm around him to help him up the curb, and that is when he thinks Harris took the money.

"After going to Wortley's they went across to the Senate saloon, where Stark again treated the crowd. Jabe Wortley and Harris were both with him, he claims, and stood on either side of him at the bar.

"When they parted, Harris slipped out the back door. Stark found his money missing after he returned to the Occidental hotel for the night."

Stark contradicted himself about when and where he realized he had lost his money, and admitted he had lied when he said he had withdrawn $1,000 at one time from the bank. At one time Stark said Harris had stolen his money, but explained having Harris's pocketbook by saying he thought Harris was kind-hearted enough to give him enough money to get home.

That same day the court took up the case against Harmon. On the stand Harmon said all he knew of the case was what he had heard others say about it. He believed Harris had stolen the money, because others said Harris had.

Harmon said he had been drinking and had come to believe he was quite the detective, and made the offer to Ryan as a joke. The case against Harmon was discharged. Harmon then filed a civil suit against Stark for $3,000 in damages.

The examination of Harris was continued on the morning of Saturday, Aug. 27, 1904, and at once it was noted that Stark was not present. In fact, Stark had left Ypsilanti the day before, and had not told anyone where he was going, or appointed anyone to look after his interests.

"Without any preliminaries," reported *The Ypsilanti Evening Times* of Saturday, Aug, 27, 1904, "John P. Kirk, attorney for Harris, asked that his client be discharged. Mr. Kirk made an earnest plea in the case, saying he didn't think there was a particle of evidence introduced to hold Harris. He called attention to the fact that Stark was away, that when he was on the stand his testimony differed on many points, and in fact that Stark, after stating that he knew when he was robbed, went to the hotel and said nothing about it for hours afterwards.

"That the mere fact that Harris was by his side in a saloon was all that he could say in support of his contention that the defendant had taken the money. He didn't think the evidence was sufficient to hold him, and he should not be put to any more expense."

The prosecuting attorney agreed, and the case was dismissed.

Stark was gone, and no one, it seems, was sorry to see him go.

(Copies of Footnotes in History by James Mann, a collection of his columns published by The Ypsilanti Courier from April 1, 1999 through March 30, 2000, can be ordered from: James Mann, P. O. Box 980773, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. Here are the lives of some of the people for whom buildings at Eastern Michigan University are named; such as Estelle Downing, Carl Esak Pray and Charles Frederick Harrold, as well as William Sherzer.

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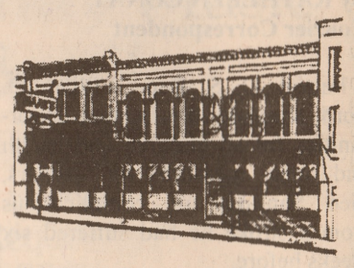

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'Last Chance' as a philosophy

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The house sits on a cypress-shaded lane in the seaside California community called Carmel. It's one of many little houses where, when you look through the front window, you see the magnificence of the great Pacific Ocean.

Many of the cottages in Carmel are named.: the Seagull, Vista del Mer, Driftwood, and so on. One name stopped me in my tracks. As I topped the hill coming up from the beach, I spotted the house. In not so large letters on the front of the cedar shake home is "Last Chance."

I immediately wished I would have seen that sign 25 years ago, and, this is the important part, understood the meaning then, as I do now.

"Last Chance," what a wonderful philosophy for living each day to the fullest.

Twenty-five years ago, I would have read it and thought that's too risky. Last chance to live in Carmel-by-the-sea or New York City, or Arizona, or Paris? Without a lot of money, it was out of the question. There'd be time for that, I rationalized. And, so, dreams died.

Fear stops many of us from living life fully and happily because we live as we have been taught.

I was 45 years old before I understood the real meaning of fear. I never looked at fear in an honest, understanding way. For one thing, I was moving too fast, and, secondly, no one ever explained to me that those almost daily worries about things like money, were, in fact fear. To me it just meant work harder, make more and ignore the "worry," or being "nervous" about it.

I'm a reasonably intelligent man, but sometimes I wonder why I didn't recognize all those little worries, or things I'd be bothered by, or I was nervous about for what they were – fear. Instead, as many of us do, I lost sleep, was unhappy and lived a "This is very serious business, life" existence.

Finally, with help from the big guy upstairs and quite a few friends down here, I learned the meaning of fear, and more importantly, how to deal with it.

When I was afraid of not getting my way, I learned to accept that it was all right. With that acceptance came the understanding that I had a choice: to believe what was happening was indeed best for me.

Time would go by; I'd get antsy. OK, how's this been good for me? I'd question. When I did, I'd start getting agitated, unhappy and – you got it – fearful.

When I accepted that I might never understand why certain things happen to me, and that wasn't important, I felt better. When I came to understand surrender was not defeat but victory, I became freer.

What do you think? How has fear taken from your happiness? And, what are you doing about it? Write and let me know.

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The Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute food at the Washtenaw County Human Services Building, located at 555 Towner Street in Ypsilanti, in Room 107. Food will be distributed on August 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information about this program call 544-6850.

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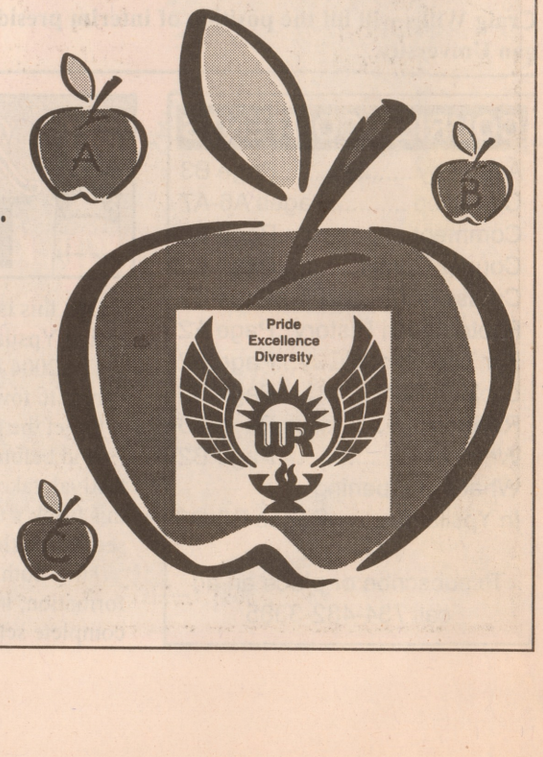

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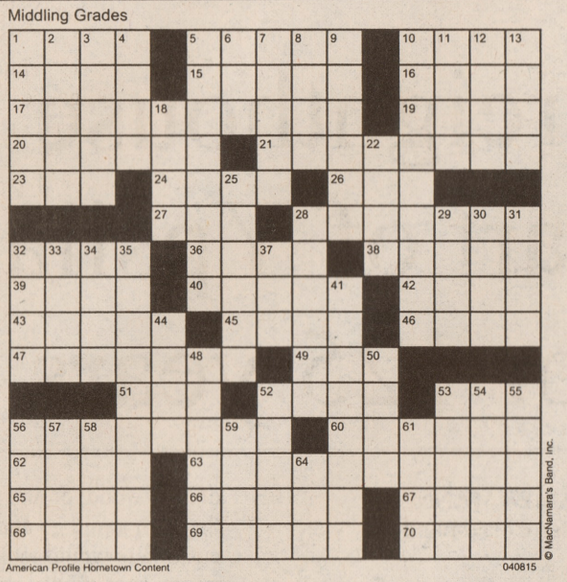

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1. Give temporarily
5. Nasty campaign tactic
10. See 52-Down
14. Natural balm
15. Poet Federico Garc'a __
16. "Damn Yankees" femme fatale
17. Early automobile dud?
19. Not in favor
20. Missing link
21. Suave
23. Notes following do
24. Twiddling one's thumbs
26. Slow throw
27. Classic auto
28. Katharine of "The African Queen"
32. Scotland's __ Ness
36. "Arrivederci, __"
38. "Stompin' at the __"
39. Jai __
40. Extends over
42. Many summer births
43. 2000 Masters winner Vijay
45. "So, what __ is new?"
46. Poor, as excuses go
47. Can't-miss shooting, in basketball
49. Diplomat's place: Abbr.
51. __-Magnon
52. Director Kazan
53. Wrong: Prefix
56. Trapped, in a way
60. Sorrowful cry
62. Creme-filled cookie
63. Time to honor catering hall VIPs?
65. Go the distance
66. Houston pro
67. Not "fer"
68. Stud stake
69. Sodas quaffed on "M*A*S*H"
70. "A __ formality"

DOWN
1. Truman's Missouri birthplace
2. Get hitched hastily
3. Junction points
4. Hold, as an opinion
5. Defames
6. Riotous bunch
7. Whittle away
8. High point
9. Riotous bunch
10. Not the first choice for a gala event?
11. Hebrides island
12. Height: Prefix
13. Worth a C, perhaps
18. Place to hibernate
22. Klutz's utterance
25. Inebriated
28. Gretel's brother
29. Eye layer
30. Cyber-chat area
31. Big Board letters
32. Tie down securely
33. Mixed bag
34. Is unable to
35. $100 spent on beer?
37. __ de mer
41. Part-time ballplayers
44. Aesop's also-ran
48. "Psycho" sicko Bates
50. Hay unit
52. With 10-Across, France's "Little Sparrow"
53. Gnatlike insect
54. "... the bombs bursting __ ..."
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56. Carbonated canful
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FORECAST: Sunday & Monday: (MOON in Scorpio): Lunar phase may make many suspicious at this time. Tuesday & Wed.: (MOON in Sagittarius) Optimism helps to make things come true. (also: MERCURY moves into Leo). Thursday & Friday: (MOON in Capricorn): "Self-preservation" rules this sign. There are better days to ask for things. Saturday: (MOON in Aquarius): Unpredictable, but expect the best. .

ARIES March 21-April 20
Expect to meet new people for stimulating conversations as Mercury moves into your sector of creative expression. Romantic eligibles may meet a new partner.

TAURUS April 21-May 21
Thoughts are strong for a new move, either for an apartment or a new home. Bulls with creative writing ability may be thinking of a new home www.enterprise.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
Mercury, your ruling planet, likes the move it makes this week into your 3rd sector. You should be meeting new people with a quick wit ... just like you!

CANCER June 22-July 23
Security minded Moonchildren will find it's very easy this week to turn some of your ideas into financial gain! A short trip may produce something of importance!

LEO July 24-August 23
New ideas and the changes they could bring may be of great importance to you this week. You should be meeting others for some stimulating conversation.

VIRGO August 24-Sept 23
Take a little time out for R&R (rest and relaxation) ... some may say it another way "take time from your busy schedule to stop and smell the roses". Just relax and enjoy!

LIBRA Sept 24-Oct 23
Concentrate on your social life. This is an excellent week to make a big effort to meet new people who share your interests. A lunch date could bring a nice surprise.

SCORPIO Oct 24-Nov 22
You shouldn't have any problems in communicating with others this week. If you're seeking a job change, make an extra effort and be sure to check the classifieds.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23-Dec 21
Stretch your mind to benefit from new intellectual pursuits. A course of study started now will open new doors to job improvement. Travel is indicated for many.

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CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 20
Your intuition may be well tuned to suggest an answer to a joint financial interest. On vacation? Enjoy! A good mystery in fact or fiction should appeal.

AQUARIUS Jan 21-Feb 19
Meaningful relationships should go well if you use tact and diplomacy. If indecision is a problem, go straight to the point. Good time to sign contracts.

PISCES Feb 20-March 20
A tendency toward unnecessary worry is common when Mercury moves through your job sector this week. Don't let concerns get out of proportion. Stars are on your side.

YOUR Lucky Numbers

ARIES
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TAURUS
41-23-32-4-14-10
GEMINI
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CANCER
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LEO
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LIBRA
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SCORPIO
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SAGITTARIUS
25-38-9-15-40-8
CAPRICORN
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AQUARIUS
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PISCES
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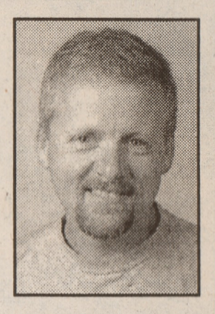
Separation anxiety strikes Grimes abode

Pat Grimes — *The Long View*



The house was way too quiet. Felt big and empty, too, compared to how it usually feels.

You see, by some strange alignment of the planets, a rare event had occurred: I lived alone for almost a week. Let me explain.

On Saturday, our sons, the Elder and Younger, went off to seven glorious days of camp in the forest primeval. The Missus and I luxuriated in the relative peace of our weekend.

On Monday morning, however, she boarded a plane for a conference in Las Vegas, leaving only the pets and myself to mind the Grimes Ranch.

I suddenly had no kids to care for and no wife to answer to (meaning moment to moment, let me hastily add, not in a more general way). Reflecting giddily on all the things I would do and the relaxation I would enjoy, the first 24 hours were spent in riotous delight. Then the novelty wore off and things seemed mighty empty.

The house, as I mentioned, was painfully quiet, unless you count the barking at anything seen, heard, or imagined, and the repeated thud of dog toys dropped at my feet. His pack dwindling drastically, Rocky the Schnauzer pleaded persistently that I play with him.

Sammy the Cat feigned indifference for a couple days, but soon was shadowing my every move outside the house, mewing more for attention, it seemed, than food. Inside, I was mewing, too.

On day four of my solitude, a letter from the Younger arrived. I tore it open and read its few lines reporting briefly on his cabin, camp mates, and counselor. My pangs of loneliness grew more intense.

At last, the day arrived to collect my children; I bolted from bed at the alarm's first screeching and raced up the highway. After establishing my identity to the satisfaction of camp officials, they sent word for my sons while I waited in the Duffle Bags Filled With Filthy Clothing storage area.

My eyes swept across the camp layout, taking in the cabins, dining hall, lake, recreation and assembly areas. Seemed like a nice enough place.

Then I caught sight of my boys; they looked much older through dirt-layered faces. I wrapped them in my arms and sobbed my hellos as unbidden tears flowed. If their cousin hadn't been with them, somewhat perplexed at the show of emotion, I might have stood there bawling for a while. Instead, I wiped my eyes and headed off to tour the highlights of their big week.

After an hour, I loaded the car while they said a few last farewells. Soon we stopped for fast food; the kids devoured their lunches in the car and, one by exhausted one, nodded off to sleep. The four-hour return trip seemed much shorter, our happy vehicle reeking of children's sour sweat and driven by a dad savoring that sweet smell.

Good lord, is what I experienced the feeling parents have when their offspring move away? Do their hearts fill with unbearable longing? Does emptiness color every minute of their days? If so, I don't think I'll be able to take it.

At least I knew how long my kids would be gone. What of parents who dispatch their brood to an uncertain future? What of the fathers and mothers who bless their children's immigration to a new land? What of those who send sons and daughters to the military and armed conflict, who must face both separation and the uncertainty of a safe return? How ever do they endure that?

And what of parents who know their own leave-taking will be the last? How do their hearts bear the sorrow of final goodbyes to those they hold most precious?

Only two days home, the Elder and Younger are their old selves. They got along amazingly well after a week of minimal association at camp, at least until we got in the house, at which time the customary mutual torment resumed. Television, email, and video games again soothe their synapses to sullen zombiehood. Any mention of chores invites a scornful chorus of grumbling. Sounds wonderful to me.

The Missus, too, has returned; I have lived to tell the tale of my castaway week and most, if not all, is right with the world. The family routine will again take a firm hold, complete with whining, complaining, caterwauling, and jousting for dominant position. Most likely, the kids will act up, too.

So be it; I am relishing every moment of my reunited family.

Like the Mills Brothers said, "You never miss the water 'til the well runs dry." Drop that bucket down and give me a good, long drink.

Happening

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COLLECTION. Features the history of the automobile in Ypsilanti. With displays on Preston Tucker, Kaiser-Frazer, Chevrolet and the oldest Hudson dealer in the U.S. *Admission: $3. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 100 E. Cross Street at N. River. For tour information call 482-5200.*

✱ **YPSILANTI HISTORICAL MUSEUM.** This beautiful 1860 home has many rooms that are furnished as they might have been when it was built. Special tours may be arranged by calling the museum at 734-482-4990. The archives are open for research on Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon and Sunday from 12 noon-3 p.m. Both museum and archives are closed on holiday weekends. There is no charge for admission. *Museum open to the public Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. 220 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Free.*

✱ **HOPE CLINIC SOUP KITCHEN.** *5 p.m. Salvation Army, 9 S. Park St. 482-4700. Free.*

✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** All are welcome at any sobriety level or hope, gender or age. *8:30 a.m. Maria Hall, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9425 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti. 734-483-0063. Free.*

✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEN'S MEETING AND AL-ANON.** *9 a.m. First Congregational Church, 218 N. Adams, Ypsilanti. 734-482-6980. Free.*

✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND AL-ANON.** *8:30 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, Education Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free.*

✱ **"ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE."** *8 p.m. Comfort Station at Victory Park, Belleville. For info call Marcie C. 699-6686. Free.*

✱ **AMERICAN RED CROSS, WASHTENAW COUNTY CHAPTER BLOOD DONOR CLINIC.** To make an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. *8 a.m.-2 p.m. 2725 Packard, Ann Arbor, Free.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

✱ **YPSILANTI HERITAGE FESTIVAL.** The 26th annual celebration of Ypsilanti's heritage returns featuring the Sports International Lumberjacks, living history encampment, music, children's tent, historic tours, jazz tent, classic cars, arts, crafts, food and much more. *Free.*

BLUES ON THE DECK. No cover. *5-8 p.m. Club 23, 3990 Willis Rd. at Carpenter, Milan.*

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✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND AL-ANON.** *8 p.m. Local 898 UAW Union Hall, 8975 Textile Rd., at Tuttle Hill, Ypsilanti. Free. 995-4949 No meeting on the second Sunday.*

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

✱ **BABY BRIGADE.** A lapsit program of stories, songs and fingerplays for babies 6 to 18 months. No registration required. *10:30 a.m. Story room, Ypsilanti District Library-Whittaker Rd., 5577 Whitaker Road Ypsilanti. 734-482-4110. ext. 1340. Free.*

✱ **SALVATION ARMY SOUP KITCHEN.** *11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 9 S. Park St., Ypsilanti. 482-4700. Free.*

✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** *10:30 a.m. Local 898 UAW Union Hall, 8975 Textile Rd., at Tuttle Hill, Ypsilanti. Free. 995-4949 No meeting on the second Sunday.*

✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** Women's meeting. *7 p.m. S.O.S. Crisis Center, 101 S. Huron, Ypsilanti. Use the side door. Free.*

✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** *8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 300 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. Free.*

✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** *8 p.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1515 Harris Rd., Ypsilanti. Free.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

✱ **TODDLER STORY TIME.** Stories for children from 18 months through 3 years old. *10:30 a.m. Story Room, Ypsilanti District Library-Whittaker Road, 5577 Whitaker Rd., Ypsilanti. For info, call 734-482-4110 ext. 1340 or 1390. Free.*

✱ **ARABIC/ENGLISH BILINGUAL STORYTIME.** All preschoolers are welcome including native Arabic speakers and those interested in having their children introduced to a new language. *11 a.m. Ypsilanti District Library-Michigan Avenue, 229 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. For info, call 734-482-4110 ext. 1390. Free.*

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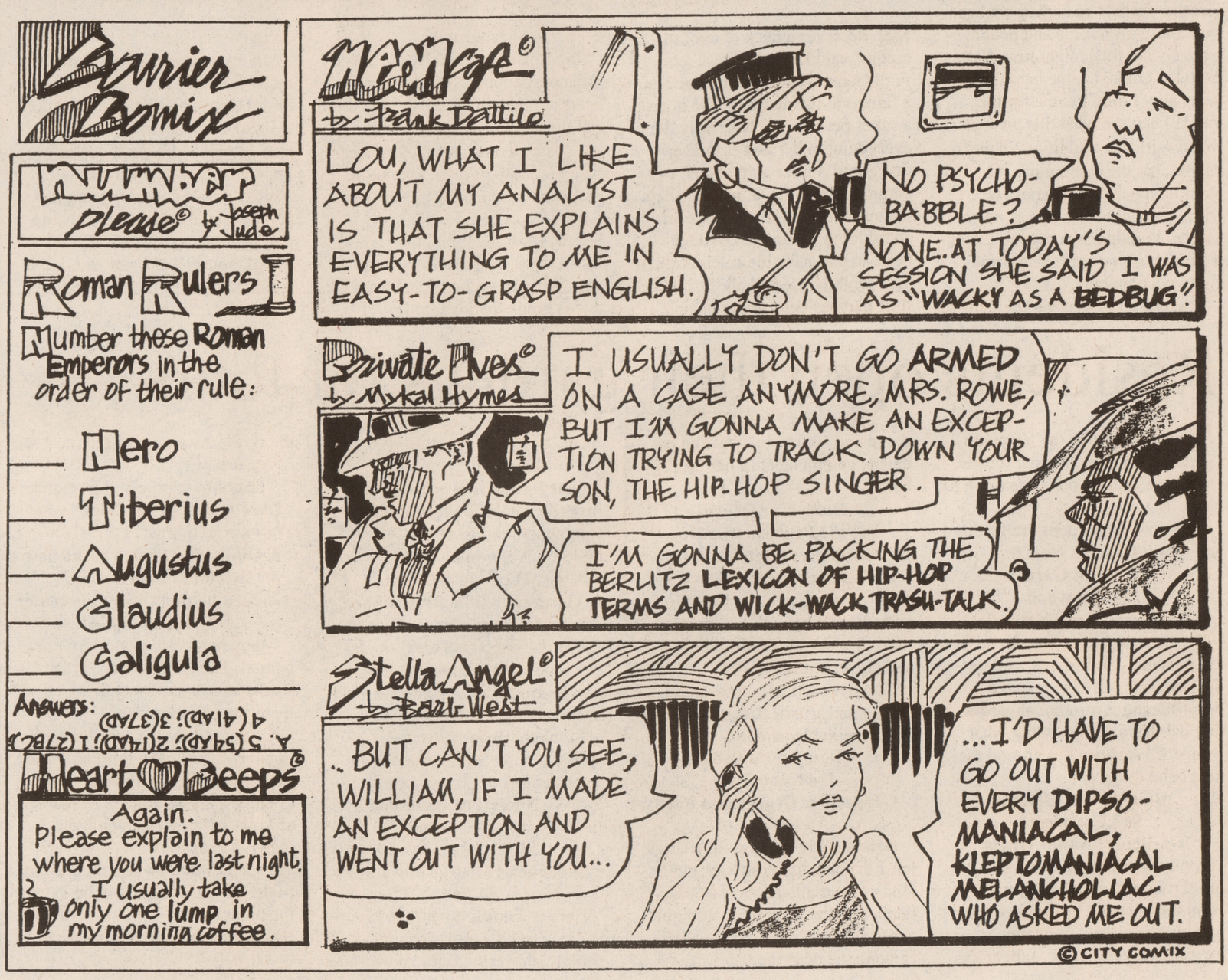
✱ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** *8 p.m. St. Peter AME Church, 948 Watling Blvd., Ypsilanti. Free.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

✱ **KIDS CLUB STORYTIME.** Drop in storytime. *11 a.m. Story Room, Ypsilanti District Library-Michigan Avenue, 229 W. Michgian Ave., Ypsilanti. Free.*



Market celebrating silver anniversary

By JOHN BARR Jr.
Courier Correspondent

The Farmer's Market at the Freighthouse in Depot Town is celebrating its 25th and 125th anniversaries at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival this year.

They will celebrate Saturday with a birthday cake, live music, a corn roast, a model train display, washer tournament (horse shoes made easy), a dunking tank and children's activities.

Festivities will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Mayor Cheryl Farmer is scheduled to speak at 1 p.m. on Saturday after the parade.

Part of the reason the anniversary will be important is because it is also hosting the Heritage Festival kickoff party at 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday with 700 people present, said Farmer's Market Chairwoman Paula Fields, who is also running a music tent by the Freight House playing country, sponsored by WSDS Radio and Edward Jones Investments.

The market, which is open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays, was started by the city in 1979, a year after it puirchased the Freighthouse with the intention of making it into a community center and market, Fields said. She has been in charge for three years and is also city recreation program coordinator.

Fields also operates a youth garden project, which includes a greenhouse and produce sales at the market, as well as working with farmers, talent shows and arts and crafts.

The market and Freighthouse also host events such as bringing in mentally and physically challenged persons to participate in a variety of activities.

The Freighthouse also is the site for activities for seniors and young mothers with children, weddings, Depot Town Association meetings and gatherings of other community groups.

Fundraising is a big part of running the programs.

"We raised $23,000 on Feb. 13 when we did a live auction and cocktail party here," she said, which Congressman John Dingell and Debbie Dingell hosted. "It was exciting making so much money and having so many people. The community just stepped up and showed how much they cared."

Fields was blunt about the need for the Freighthouse and raising community awareness to keep it.

"I worked on this and talked to the Heritage Festival for a year because I thought it was very important," she said. "It's our history, and we need the exposure at the Freighthouse and the market. It's really a beautiful place. I love this place to death. I'm hoping we have even more awareness and people realize what they might lose. I'm from St. Louis. I came here three years ago. I didn't come for this job. If I can see what this place is worth – it's the building, it's the people, it's the community – I would hope that they would be willing to fight for it just as much as I do. I could make my job easier if I didn't try so hard. Come and enjoy what's yours."

"Paula Fields, our market manager, deserves a heck of a lot of credit," said Henry Zelisse, a retired General Motors employee and a farmer at the market. "She is just a super person. She has really done everything in her power to keep that going. I have a great deal of admiration for Paula. In fact, she's the one I think who has done an awful lot to set up the Heritage Festival and have the celebration of the Freighthouse and all the other stuff that has been going on and keep this a viable area.

Zelisse and his wife sell lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, beans, corn, beets and perennial flowers. In the fall their son sells apples.

"The anniversary will definitely be a big party. It's going to be a real celebration and I'm sure will draw a lot of people. It's really a big party for the Freighthouse itself. I think there's a lot of history, and yet there's a lot of good stuff that is going on down in Depot Town.

"In my opinion, Depot Town is really the heart of Ypsilanti, and the Freighthouse and Farmer's Market are part of that heart. I would certainly think and hope it would be important. To me it's a special thing. I would certainly hope that people would come attend and appreciate the fact that it's (the Freighthouse) 125 years old. It's a significant milestone. I hope they will survive."

The Ypsilanti Farmers' Market and Freighouse will both celebrate anniversaries during the Heritage Festival. Music Junction, left, are regulars on the entertainment schedule at the market.

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Freighthouse part of Ypsilanti for 125 years

By JAMES MANN
Courier Correspondent

This year, the poster for the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival has a colorful picture of the Freighthouse, where the Farmers' Market is to be found.

This is because this year is the 125th anniversary of the building of the Freighthouse. The Freighthouse is a local landmark that has played an important role in the history of Ypsilanti. Although the Freighthouse was built in 1878, the story of the Freighthouse begins in 1837, with the coming of the railroad.

Mark Norris wrote in a letter dated Dec. 22, 1837, "... If I have your approbation, I would go ahead and erect a tavern and storehouse, and show them that we are prepared to accommodate them on the East Side as well as they could be on the West Side."

Mark Norris was working to convince the commission over seeing construction of the railroad to set the depot on land he was about to purchase. The building of a freight house may have helped the commissioners on the committee to decide the way Norris hoped. The freight house stood on the east side of the tracks, just north of where the depot is today. This building, most likely made of wood, may have been in use as late as 1878. That year, the Michigan Central Railroad decided to build a new freight house.

"The Michigan Central folks," noted *The Ypsilanti Commercial* of March 23, 1878, "are beginning operations on the new freight depot. The material is now being hauled. It will be situated directly back of the Follett House block."

"Work on the freight depot is progressing rapidly," reported *The Ypsilanti Commercial* of May 18, 1878. "The foundation is nearly completed and bricklaying will soon be commenced. An Aurora, Ill., man has the contract for building."

"Our new freight house is fast approaching completion," noted *The Ypsilanti Commercial* of June 22, 1878. "The foundation and walls are strong enough for a six-story building, and without doubt, when done, it will be the most substantial structure in town."

"D. A. Wise," reported *The Ypsilanti Commercial* of July 27, 1878, got the first freight into the new freight house – a shipment of apples. It is completed. There ought to be a citizens' jubilee in the new building."

The annual report of the President and Directors of the Michigan Central Railroad for 1878 noted: "A new Freight House of brick, 182 x 36 feet, has been built at Ypsilanti."

The Freighthouse remained in use by the railroad into the 1960s, when the shipping of freight to Ypsilanti ended. The building was then rented out for storage, and was used by furniture stores. Then in 1980, the building was acquired by the City of Ypsilanti, which moved the Farmers' Market into the structure. It seemed to be a perfect fit.

Talk of starting a farmers market at Ypsilanti may date back to the 1890s, and continued into the early 20th Century. The subject came up at a meeting of the Business Men's Association on July 19, 1905. At the meeting many arguments were made for starting a farmers market, and few against.

"It was shown," noted *The Ypsilanti Daily Press* of July 20, 1905, "that a good market is a great convenience to the farmer and gardener, and that the erection of a good, large place downtown would be a great drawing card. One where a team could be hitched with the knowledge that it would be taken care of, where the man with a load of hay, wood, or any products of the farm could go and know that customers would look him up; where eggs, fowls, potatoes, etc,. could be bought and sold. It was argued that this would not hurt the trade of the grocer any, because as it is now, the peddler goes all over town selling his wares."

"One argument that was used," continued *The Ypsilanti Daily Press,* "was the alleged fact that many farmers and produce dealers adjacent to Ypsilanti were in the habit of taking their goods to other towns because provision had been made to care for their products: that dealers bought their loads at a good price and then the men that had sold turned around and bought things in the village stores. This did not work any hardship on the grocer or the produce dealer and attracted customers from outside points."

Although the idea for a farmers' market seemed good in 1905, it was not until the meeting of July 21, 1919, that the Ypsilanti City Council granted farmers permission to bring their produce into the city to sell directly to consumers. The site specified for the market was the east side of Huron Street, between Michigan Avenue and Pearl Street. The market was open from 8 a.m.. until 10 a.m.

"The first hour," reported *The Ypsilanti Daily Press* of Monday, July 28, 1919, "will be solely for the consumers, and during the second hour dealers will also be allowed to be purchasers. Plans have been made with the greatest care, after consultation with those in charge of similar enterprises in other cities, and it is earnestly hoped that consumers will take advantage of this opportunity, which is expected to bring about a closer relationship between producer and consumer in the vicinity, as well as to provide material advantage to both."

The market soon proved to be a complete success.

"Tuesday's market was particularly interesting," noted *The Ypsilanti Record* of Sept. 29, 1919. "For instance, one feature was Mrs. Dales's Chinese wool flowers, which seemed to take a prominent place in that day's market. She has about two acres of them on Michigan Avenue, near Wiard's Crossing; also asters, which a Detroit florist buys in large quantities. The Chinese wool flower is of the everlasting variety and when dried will keep its color all winter."

"At another place," continued *The Ypsilanti Record*, "evidently without thought of effect, such pretty hints of color met the eye, like the yellow egg tomatoes, the bright red and green pepper and wagon loads of melons and grapes, besides other necessities, while not particularly noted for color, were prime factors in helping to solve the high cost of living."

"The writer heard a business man say that on market days the clerks would say, 'Well, this is market day and we have a big day.' Even in some of the show windows will be seen displayed 'Market day bargains in blouses and other wearing apparel."

Housewives even came from as far as Ann Arbor, to shop at the market.

The success of the market caused the Ypsilanti City Council to make the Farmers Market a permanent part of the city. In time it was moved to what is still known to many as the Smith Furniture parking lot, at South Huron and Ferris Street. Then in 1980, the market was moved into the Freighthouse, where it remains today. The market has changed over the years, but it still fulfills its original mission, providing a place where the farmer can sell directly to the consumer.

Residents open their gardens for tours

For the sixth time the Ypsilanti Garden Club is sponsoring the Heritage Garden Tour from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

This year six gardens are featured and they include:

The Artful Garden
219 Oakwood
Gardener: Fran Naturale

By incorporating a wonderful array of statues, sculptures, and garden art, Naturale has created a beautiful and inspirational garden that will have you guessing what wonderful surprise lies around the next bend in the path.

Bungalow-A-Bloom
913 Congress
Gardener: Nancy Gross

A mix of perennial beds, flowering shrubs and ornamental trees combine to create the perfect garden for this perfect bungalow.

Gross has used color, foliage, shape and texture to create an exquisite complement to her lovely home.

Hidden Treasures
1322 Collegewood
Gardener: Gretchen Otto

Islands of perennials, flowering shrubs, unique trees and winding paths lie just behind the wooden fence that surrounds this Hansel and Gretel cottage.

Otto has used terracing, stone edging and artistic design to create this remarkable garden.

A Daughter's Dream
1144 Roosevelt
Gardeners: George and Patty Eaton

George and Patty Eaton's daughter, Elizabeth Crist, an aspiring landscape architect, has provided them with the inspiration and guidance to design and develop what can only be described as a masterpiece.

Flowering trees, perennials, unique shrubs, rock gardens and magnificent design features are testimonial to this labor of love.

A Summer Place
711 Collegewood
Gardener: Julie Breitenbach

Perennial beds, window boxes, flowering shrubs, an ideal shade tree (complete with tire swing), and a wrap-around screen porch are the makings for a sublime summer.

Breitenbach has surrounded her family's home with gorgeous gardens and lots of charm and style.

We Never Promised you a Rose Garden
1302 Collegewood
Gardeners: George and Laura Byrd

Here is the rose lover's dream. With over 300 roses, countless perennials, flowering trees and shrubs, the Byrds have created the must see rose garden.

The color, texture and fragrance of this garden are sensations you can't afford to miss!

A Quilt of a Garden ... the new Community Garden.
Located behind the senior center at Recreation Park.

Many hands are at work in this garden. The Community garden works as one, but is made up of many small gardens.

Extra produce is made available to a local food bank for distribution throughout the community.

Tickets are $8 and are available at Mantis Garden Center and Quinn's Essentials.

Tickets will also be sold in front of the Towner House on the day of the tour.

For further information call 572-0432 or 487-8931.

Residents open their homes for annual tour

For the 27th year, a self-guided tour of six properties in the city, sponsored by the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation, includes two late-nineteenth-century Queen Annes, a 1926 Colonial Revival, a 1939 American vernacular cottage, a 1920 house with unusual exterior brickwork, and the 1892 First United Methodist Church with a newly repainted sanctuary.

The event is held from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are $8 in advance in Ypsilanti at Norton's Flowers & Gifts, and at Quinn's Essentials in Depot Town; and in Ann Arbor at Downtown Home & Garden. Tickets are $10 day of tour at the booth in front of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, 220 N. Huron.

The tour takes place on the final day of the annual three-day Ypsilanti Heritage Festival.

203 North Washington Street

This home is more than 100 years old.

Today Daniel and O'Bryan Worley are working diligently to bring it back to is original nineteenth-century glory.

The house's eclectic and expressive characteristics are highly indicative of the Queen Anne style, popular in the 1880s and 1890s when the Industrial Revolution swept the country.

As in this regal 1890 beauty, the exteriors of Queen Anne houses were often innovative and ornamental.

Note the spindle work and other decorative details. Unfortunately these glorious details often proved difficult to maintain. For this reason, the Queen Anne style fell out of favor around the turn of the last century while smaller, more serious styles took center stage

This graceful charmer was eventually divided into separate units. During the conversion to apartments, walls were added and doors sealed or removed. A second kitchen was built upstairs and all of the utilities were separated to support two units.

Despite these changes, much of the original character has been left intact. High ceilings abound throughout and beautiful woodwork graces most of the home.

Beginning in August 20O3, the Worleys began the daunting task of returning this house to a single-family dwelling. They launched the restoration process by freshening the house with paint, uncovering hidden gardens, and rebuilding the master suite. Next came a new kitchen, the culinary and social hub of the Worley home.

Tourgoers-will be able to enjoy their glimpse of an energetic and creative family's efforts to restore a downtown gem.

114 North Normal Street

Charles Neal Ellis, the owner of a local lumber business, built the Queen Anne house at 114 North Normal Street between the years 1885 and 1896.

Ellis and his wife, Julia Chapman Ellis raised their three daughters, Bessie, Bethlea and Bertha, in the house.

The house remained in the Ellis family, but had several tenants beginning in 1912.

Don Nafe purchased the home in 1963 from Cora Ellis Wilber. He rented out the second floor to students, teachers, or families. Eventually members of his extended family lived on the second floor. Their help allowed him to live in the house until 10 weeks before his death at age 103. The house had been vacant for two years when Rachel Cuschieri-Murray and Bryant Murray brought it in October 2002.

Very much a work in progress, the house is under renovation. Wallpaper detectives Rachel and Bryant have been "piecing together" its history based on the different wallpaper styles they've discovered in layers on their walls.

A stunning new paint job has transformed the house's formerly bland white exterior.

Inside, in the front room, is the original wood burning stove. Also original are the floors and a wonderful cupboard that takes up an entire wall of the kitchen.

The kitchen cupboard is Rachel's favorite feature of the house. The Murrays have replaced the windows, but kept the trim.

They speculate that the upstairs may have been a maid's quarters.

Rachel and Bryant's passion for bringing their nineteenth century house back to life is a perfect example of what the annual Historic Home Tour in Ypsilanti is all about.

1124 Grant Street

This home was in 1926 and is a colonial Revival house constructed as a model home. Its contractor Allen Dieter lived in the house until 1942. William Yeatman, a farmer and a gas station owner, became the house's second owner. Yeatman's partner, Matthew Stein, bought it in 1945 and his family lived there until 1975, when Bob and Shari Strauss purchased the home. The Grant street house typifies 1920s housing construction, when pride of craftsmanship and serious interest in revival architecture prevailed.

321 High Street

1124 Grant Street

The Strausses collected primitive furniture and accessories and created a nineteenth-century interior. The walls were painted in dark colors and many featured stenciling. Dark plaid curtains hung at the windows. In January 2001 Don and Julie Bromley bought the house from a man who had owned it for only a year. they set about taking it back to its origins.

The first order of business was updating the plumbing and electrical systems and redoing the wood floors. Today the house once again has a 1920s interior. The Bromleys have lightened every room and restored the bathrooms, with bead board, white tiles and fixtures. The kitchen has undergone a similar transformation. In the dining room, a built-in cabinet, original to the house, has leaded glass doors. A sunroom on the east side was divided long ago into two rooms.

The Bromleys' furniture and accessories reflect the contemporary style found in catalogs like Pottery Barn and Crate and Barrel. Their home interestingly mixes modern with the 1920s.

209 Washtenaw Avenue

In a small city with a wealth of beautiful old churches, the 1892 First United Methodist Church of Ypsilanti stands out.

The light-filled sanctuary is lovely, with graceful wood pews, a prominent balcony encircling the space and a backdrop of stunning stained glass windows.

The Chicago firm of George Misch and Sons designed the windows. The commission specified that the designs must not include any figures. The only recognizable images are a cross and crown design on the main north window, an anchor on the transept window to the south, and a lily design that is repeated throughout the building. The abundance of stained glass, allowing so much light to flood the sanctuary, was unique in Washtenaw County at the time the church opened in 1892.

In 2002 church trustees decided to repaint the sanctuary. The project proceeded under the guidance of church member and organist Ron Miller, who formulated a plan to replicate a version of the original paint scheme. The base color for the 2002 design was lightened to reflect current trends, but the accessory palate was based on the way the church was originally lit. Larry Burdick Painting Company of Ypsilanti did the base painting and Faux Play of Midland was hired to do the decorative painting. The original lighting was restored and new fixtures were installed to compliment the room.

Today the church interior looks almost the same as it did when the first worshippers entered more than 100 years ago. The sanctuary has come back to life, with soaring arches, pillars topped with gold, and a major utilization of color to highlight an exceptional space.

If you have never been inside the Methodist church, or if you haven't seen it since the sensitive 2002 restoration, be sure to stop by to gaze in delight at this local architectural and stained glass treasure.

321 High Street

When Jill Dieterle wakes up in the morning, she is in her grandparents' bedroom.

When she makes coffee, she makes it in her grandmother's kitchen.

And when she needs the good dishes, she takes them from the corner cupboard her grandfather made.

Dieterle's 1930s American vernacular cottage was built in 1939 by her grandparents Jake and Alice Dieterle. (Many sidewalks around town bear Jake Dieterle's name or that of his brother, Fred, because their construction company poured the sidewalks at the houses they built.)

Because Jake Dieterle was a finish carpenter, he did all the woodwork in the house, including the corner cupboard. Luckily the woodwork was never painted and Jill was spared the truly awful job of stripping it.

When Jake was badly injured in a fall from a roof and confined to bed for a long period, the sound of the frequent trains across the street became unbearable. In 1944 the house was sold and the Dieterles moved away.

Other owners lived in the house for several years. In the 1950s Alice bought back the house she had loved. She lived there until her death in 1994, the same year that her granddaughter returned to Michigan to become a philosophy professor at Eastern Michigan University and she moved into her grandparents' home.

Dieterle removed the aluminum siding and had the house painted in its present lovely color scheme.

The original wooden shutters that Dieterle found stored in the basement have replaced metal shutters.

Shoe molding had all been removed and it was also discovered in the basement. Putting all the pieces back into their original locations was a challenging jigsaw puzzle.

Seventeen lilacs thriving at the back fence were a birthday gift to Dieterle from her dad to replace the originals that her grandfather had planted. Dieterle's loving work has transformed the treasured home into a delightful and serene home.

845 East Cross Street

Randy and Kathy Fettes are decorative painters and the owners of Rand and Company Interiors. Naturally they like to practice their painting skills on their own house, so tour goers interested in decorative painting won't want to miss this stop on the tour.

Kathy describes their home as a "wacky brick house."

The brickwork includes distinctive insets with stone, granite and marble. Tourgoers should be sure to take a close look at the unusual exterior. The house was built in 1920, but no one seems to know much else about it.

The Fetteses first rented the house in 1998, buying it three years later in 2001.

The interior has an arts and crafts feel and Kathy describes their decorating style as "shabby chic—trash to treasure." Of their taste, she says, "It's us."

The house displays their real flair for putting together found or used furniture and decorative objects. They pick up "whatever really attracts us," says Kathy -- from flea markets, resale shops, off the curb or at Apple Annie's in Depot Town.

The couple also frequents a resale shop in Northville called Consignment Interiors that is near the homes of many of their clients. And they purchase "seconds" at stores like Home Goods.

Examples of Kathy and Randy's treasures include a dining room table and sideboard by Paul McCobb, a Haywood Wakefield contemporary; a 100-year-old African Mossi lizard mask; four chrome, rosewood and leather game chairs from a yacht; and an original 1970s Picasso lithograph poster.

The Fetteses have had their front door rebuilt and their wood floors redone.

More than 50 units in parade

By JOHN BARR Jr.
Courier Correspondent

The 26th annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Parade will have 50 units Saturday, including the Ypsilanti High School band, the Boy Scouts, veterans, antique automobiles, a 1937 state police car, baton twirlers, pageant winners, including Miss Washtenaw County and the Strawberry Festival Queen and court, horse groups, an antique bicycle group called the Michigan Wheelmen, Beautiful Baby contestants, antique fire trucks, Ypsilanti city and township fire departments and antique John Deere tractors.

The majority of entries will be antique vehicles, said Darlene Dresch, parade coordinator who is also the Jaycees management vice president. The Jaycees also are staging the Beautiful Baby Contest, a Precious Pet Contest and running a food trailer.

New this year will be the Flying Aces Professional Frisbee Team performing in the parade, and the Great Alaska Lumberjack Company also will be in the parade.

There will also be many community and business groups either riding or marching, including Hope Clinic, Huron Valley Ambulance, Cheeky Monkey and elected officials.

The Jaycees will have 12 to 15 parade marshals walking and driving golf carts up and down in the procession to make sure the parade runs smoothly.

This is the Jaycees' first year running the parade.

"I encourage people to get there early because people come out early to get their seat," Dresch said.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. on West Michigan at Ballard and travel on the the south side of the boulevard through downtown Ypsilanti to Huron and then north on Huron.

"Parade registration ended Aug. 4, but we still have applications coming in," she said, and units are accepted at the last minute, even without a registration.

"It takes a lot of planning. Most of the man-hours are sending out applications because we do try to send them out to people who have been in the parade in the past, as well as try to find new entertainment for the parade. It's a lot of phone calls to speak with people when we receive their applications. Parade day and the evening before is a long day for us, including setting up the staging area. It takes 300 man-hours to pull it off."

Historian guiding Highland Cemetery tour

Local historian and *Ypsilanti Courier* history columnist James Mann will host a Walking Tour of historic Highland Cemetery on River Street, on Saturday, Aug. 21, as part of the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. Tours will start every hour from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. from Starkweather Chapel, at the entrance of the cemetery.

Admission is free.

Highland Cemetery is one of the hidden jewels of Ypsilanti, a natural habitat for birds and animals, some on the endangered species list. A rural or garden type cemetery, the walks and roads are lined with trees, which give the landscape a peaceful presence.

Highland is a good place, to take a troubled soul for a walk.

It is also the final resting place for many of the famous, influential and remarkable people from the history of Ypsilanti; as well as some who are just plain interesting.

On the tour will be the grave of Thomas Chicken, a Civil War era soldier, who enlisted after the war was over; but died a hero.

The tour will also visit the grave of Charles McKenny, who was president of Eastern Michigan University, then the Michigan State Normal College, from 1912 to 1932. A handsome man, it is said he looked like a college president. He is perhaps the greatest president Eastern has ever had, or is ever likely to have.

McKenny Union is named in his honor. During his time as president, co-eds who were caught smoking on campus were expelled from the school.

Another who will be honored with a visit is Lucy Aldrich Osband, who founded two departments at Eastern Michigan University.

Warren Lewis will also receive a visit. He was a gifted auctioneer, of whom it was said, if there was any article Lewis had not sold, a new edition of the dictionary would have to be printed to include it. He is best remembered for the Lewis Horse Exchange, a gambling den he ran from 1901 to 1911. It was an annual scandal in the Detroit newspapers for years. The Exchange was finally closed by order of the governor, who was having his own scandal at the time. It is perhaps one of the most colorful and memorable chapters in the history of Depot Town.

The grave of the first licensed woman driver in Washtenaw County, Gertrude Woodward, who was never in an accident, also will be a stop on the tour.

The tours also will make several stops along the way to enjoy the landscape of the cemetery. Highland has one of the best views of the city, from the top of the slope on the south side of the cemetery, and is the site of the Civil War Memorial, and the graves of several Civil War soldiers.

Tours will be led by Bill Nickels, Rochelle Balkam, Rick Katon, Lois Katon and James Mann.

Festivalgoers will get to see robotics

By JOHN BARR Jr.
Courier Correspondent

Several robotics teams will perform on Cross Street near City Body in Depot Town during the Heritage Festival.

The teams will compete on a 24-by 24-foot playing field with a full pit area.

Ypsilanti High School's Team 470 is hosting the event with Team 66 from Willow Run High School and five other teams, said Gregg Stefansky, director of the Ypsilanti High School robotics team and an engineer at Visteon Corp.

The goal is not to compete to see which team has the best robots but to show the audience what robots can do, he said.

"The game is pretty complex to recreate at the festival and we don't have enough room," Stefanksy said in explaining why there will be no formal competition at the festival. "The public wouldn't fully understand the way the game is played. We just try to explain the basic ideas of what the program is about and the fact that the students built the machine, designed and maintained it. It's casual so students aren't under the pressure of having to compete and they and adults from other teams can network with each other and find out how we can make our teams better.

"Instead of a race, this is more of a car show for us where we can sit back in our lawn chairs and share ideas about the program."

Each team has six weeks every year to design and build their robots, said David Butzin, 17, leader of Team 66 and a Willow Run High School senior.

"The game and the whole program are really designed around teaching students to work together in teams with other students, with other teams and big corporations, to give a real world experience in high school," he said.

"We find as long as there's continuous activity in the tent we tend to draw a crowd; so it's our goal to keep the robots moving," Stefansky said. "It's a big opportunity for our students to take charge of this … We put the spotlight on the students to talk to the public and explain what this – what the robotics program – is, how the game works, answer questions. The students really are a big part of it. People like to see the action of the robots doing stuff."

Butzin said he had started coming to the Heritage Festival long before he was in high school, and seeing the robotics made him decide he wanted to be a part of it. He plans to go into aerospace engineering after graduating high school and college.

The Ypsilanti and Willow Run robotics teams are partnered with Visteon and Gneeral Motors.

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Our Opinion

Loss of a friend

A lot of people knew U.S. Rep. William Ford, who died over the weekend.

Ford, who represented Ypsilanti during part of his long tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, was one of those old-fashioned Democrats: A strong union man, a strong education man, an advocate for social programs to help the cities and the poor.

One of his last acts in Congress typified the kinds of legislative efforts for which Ford was known.

He orchestrated the passage of the Family Medical Leave Act, the first law signed by President Clinton in 1993.

Ford believed that government has a role to play in improving opportunities for its citizens, and he acted on that belief.

When he died this weekend, average people lost the type of representative who is becoming far to rare, a representative that remembered his roots as the son of a working class family and remained loyal to those roots throughout a distinguished career in Congress.

Letters to the Editor

Primary winner thanks voters for support

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all the people who took the time to cast their votes in the Primary Election held on Aug. 3, 2004.

I would also like to thank all the people who have put their trust in me, to work for them as a trustee in Augusta Charter Township. Like the supervisor, clerk and treasurer, the trustees are members of the township board with an equal vote. A trustee is an individual placed in a position of public trust with fiduciary responsibilities to help manage the affairs of the township for the best interests of the public.

My hopes for our new township board are that we all work independently together; we each have specific duties and responsibilities. I also hope that all board members are given an opportunity to investigate and study important decisions before voting.

I will be going into office with an open mind and the understanding that you can't please everyone all the time; I believe there can be compromise, something we can all live with.

I would like to see more open communications and public input on important issues. For those of you who know me as a long-time resident of Augusta Township, or a co-worker at the Rawsonville Plant, you know that I am a quiet person, I listen with my eyes, and when I say I will do something, it is done.

Thanks again!

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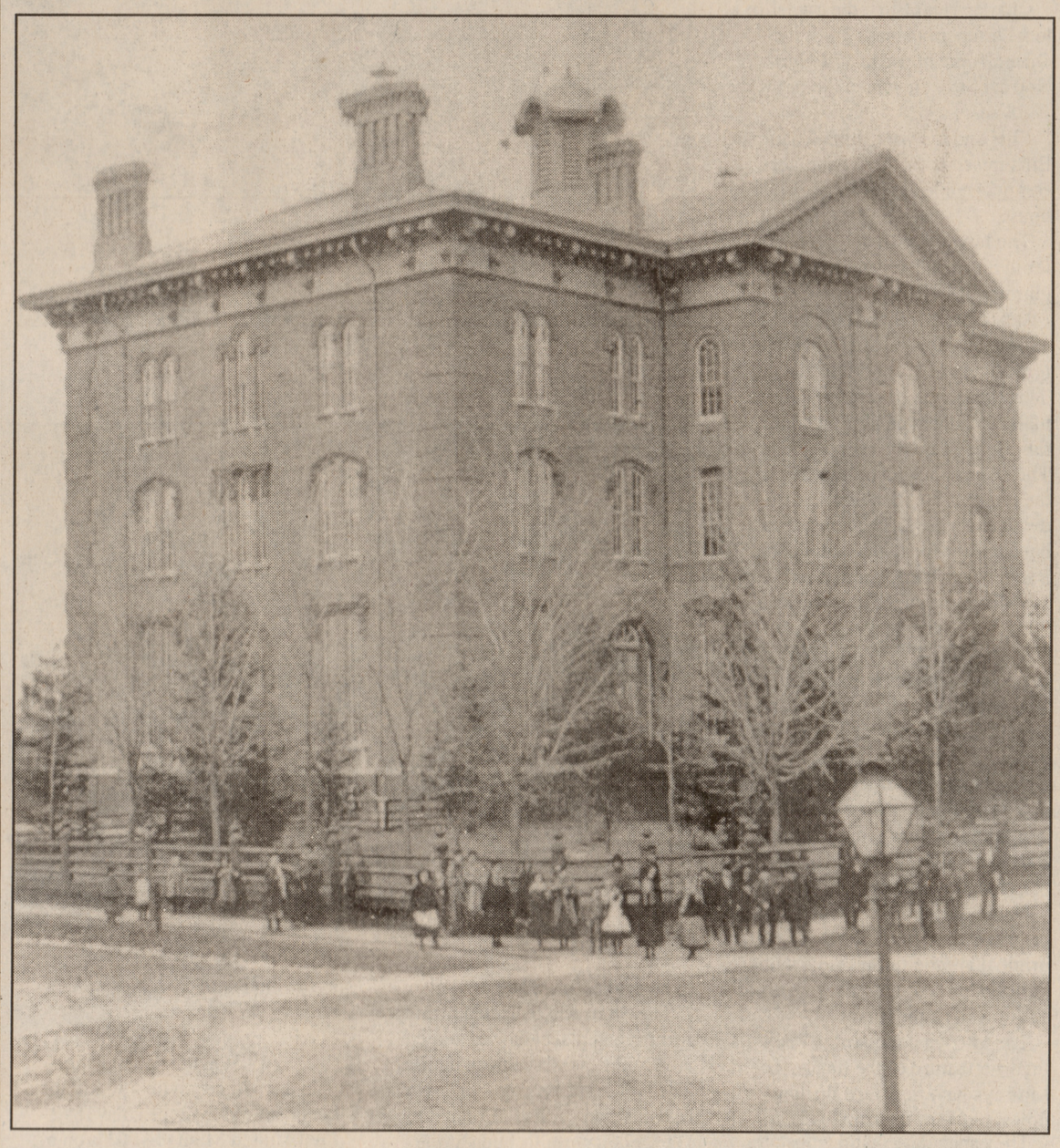

The second Ypsilanti High School is shown in the 1860s. The building was constructed in 1857 and destroyed by fire in 1877.

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A disaster called 'No Child Left Behind'

Kathleen Conat — *Thoughts at Large*

The school year is almost upon us once again, so it's time to talk about the No Child Left Behind fiasco.

Let's start off with the goals of NCLB. Or maybe I should call them the hurdles that every school must overcome.

Students come with all different levels of ability, from "gifted" to "average" and below. Then there are the different circumstances in which these students live – everything from "privileged" to "middle class" to "adequate" or less. You have abused and neglected students, those who have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, anger management problems or a host of other concerns and/or conditions.

The students in some schools will have only one teacher, while others in other schools will have assistance from teacher aides. Some students will have the benefits of all the latest teaching aids and equipment, including special tutors, while others will be lucky to have the basic education material required. In some cases, teachers will take money from their own, inadequate salaries to pay for more materials, but it still won't be enough.

Some students will have parents who are able to check homework every evening and be down at the school for most events. Other students' parents are working two or three jobs just to make ends meet and don't have time to be down at the school. Often, these same parents can't help with homework, because of time constraints or their own lack of knowledge.

Yet, all these various students must take every test and master every subject. If they don't, educators who haven't been on the front lines in a decade or two will come in and tell the overworked and underpaid teachers how to do their jobs. Speaking from on high, these oracles have no idea of the reality of the students' day-to-day worlds.

If things still don't improve, the school will be taken away from the public that has a vested interest in it, and given to a for-profit company. If you want the real irony of this law, it comes if things still don't improve after a while, because then the school is handed back to the original school district.

Even more ironic is that this law is supposed to hold teachers "accountable" for their teaching. In reality, it does nothing of the kind. It merely shows that districts with poor families have poor test scores.

There's an unanticipated side effect of No Child Left Behind that I'm not at all fond of, but, from what I've been reading, it's to be found in every state in the Union. That side effect is fear.

The fear shows itself when administrators constantly question teachers as to whether or not their students are "ready." It shows up when teachers rush through a year's curriculum early, because they know information in the second half of the textbook will be on the test. It's revealed when teachers spend time away from their lesson plans to teach students how to take a test.

The students are aware of it, too. They're under a lot of pressure to show the world that their teachers are doing a good job. They know their teachers are counting on them.

Although legislators give mouth service to not making the tests a priority, there is so much riding on these exams that most teachers will tell you they "teach to the test."

Curriculum extras such as art, music, drama and health and fitness are losing ground in many schools because the tests are so all-important. Elementary schools are curtailing recess and middle and high schools are cutting gym and making the arts after-school offerings, because getting ready for the tests takes so much time.

This is not education, folks. Neither the tests nor the atmosphere generate real learning. Regurgitation of facts is not learning.

That is one of the main weaknesses to these standardized tests. How do you measure original thinking?

All the time, we are asking people to be innovative and "think outside the box," yet we are instilling rigidity of thought and an inability to take a concept beyond the norm by the very standardization of these tests.

The U. S. has always been known as a nation of innovation and invention. We will lose that if standardized testing continues.

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PITTSFIELD ORDAINS:

By authority of Act #184, Public Act 1943, as amended, the Pittsfield Township Zoning Ordinance be amended only as follows:

Pittsfield Charter Township Ordains an Ordinance to change the official Zoning Map for rezoning from AG (Agricultural District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District) to develop the property for composting, waste transfer, organics management, material recovery, active and passive recreation, and City of Ann Arbor maintenance facilities on parcels L-12-15-250-005, L-12-15-250-006, L-12-15-250-009, L-12-15-250-010, L-12-15-300-003, L-12-15-300-005, Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

COM AT NW 1/4 COR OF SEC 15, T3S, R6E, PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN; TH S 01 DEG 04' 30" E 657.26 FT FOR A POB; TH N 87 DEG 55' 00" E 741 FT; TH N 01 DEG 04' 30" W 328.63 FT; TH N 87 DEG 55' 00" E 584.73 FT; TH N 02 DEG 05' 00" W 328.63 FT TO THE N LINE OF SEC 15; TH N 87 DEG 55' 00" E 530.43 FT; TH S 01 DEG 14' 00" E 152.85 FT; TH S 87 DEG 37' 00" W 29.59 FT; TH S 1 DEG 43' 00" E 1643.88 FT; TH N 88 DEG 12' 30" E 807.89 FT; S 00°38'27"E 3128.01 FT. ALONG THE N-S 1/2 LINE; TH N 87 DEG 57' 05" E 88 FT; TH S 00 DEG 38' 27" E 495 FT TO THE S LINE OF SEC 15; TH S 87 DEG 57'05" W 88 FT ALONG S LINE OF SEC 15; TH S 88 DEG 50' 55" W 2651.86 FT TO THE SW 1/4 COR OF SEC 15; TH N 01 DEG 04' 30" W 4622.74 FT ALONG W'LY LINE OF SEC 15 TO POB EXC N 762 FT, OF S 1600.7 FT OF W 498.4 FT OF SW 1/4 SEC 15 T3S R6E; ALSO EXCEPT RAILROAD R/W TS3 R6E: CONTAINING 280.34 ACRES +/-, BEING SUBJECT TO THE ROW OVER THE W'LY 33 FT FOR STONE SCHOOL RD, N'LY 33 FT FOR ELLSWORTH RD AND S'LY 33 FT FOR MORGAN RD, ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY RECORDED EASEMENTS IF ANY.

The following conditions of approval shall become a part of this PUD:

1. Stone School Road Paving

The City of Ann Arbor shall pave Stone School Road from the south side of the Stone Plaza shopping center to the south side of the Woodside Meadows Condominium property before any certificate of occupancy is issued for new buildings within the PUD District. The paving shall include, at a minimum, three lanes at the entrances to the "maintenance area" and the entrance to Woodside Meadows Condominium. The Township shall contribute $100,000.00, collected or to be collected from Woodside Condominiums project, towards the paving adjacent to Woodside Meadows. These funds shall be paid to the City within 90 days of the completion of paving adjacent to Woodside Meadows Condominium. The Township may work with the City to establish a Special Assessment District to finance the improvements to Stone School Road north of Woodside Meadows Condominium. The Township Board may waive the requirement for the paving to be complete before a certificate of occupancy is issued, if in its opinion, the City has proceeded in good faith, the design and all permits are approved by the Washtenaw County Road Commission, and a financial security is posted for the completion of the road improvements within a specified time.

2. Outdoor Lighting

All outdoor lighting except building entrance safety lighting of less than 100 watts, shall be prohibited south of the half section line of Section 15. All outdoor lighting shall be of full cut-off design and shielded to direct light away from neighboring properties and all road rights-of-way. Light levels cannot exceed 0.1 foot-candle at the right-of-way or property line unless approved by the Pittsfield Township Planning Commission.

3. Uses

Uses shall be limited to the following Activity Area Use Descriptions. No other uses shall be permitted without the approval of Pittsfield Township per the procedures outlined in Article 52 of the Pittsfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

Activity Area Use Descriptions

City of Ann Arbor Field Operations & Maintenance Facility

Activity area shall only include:

- City operations building (offices and crew areas)
- City storage buildings (vehicles, equipment, and supplies)
- City maintenance building (vehicle/equipment repair)
- Outdoor material and supply storage areas (including salt dome with height of 55 ft)
- Two-way radio tower (maximum height of 125 ft) non-illuminated
- Vehicle fueling and wash facilities
- Vehicle parking areas
- Employee and visitor parking
- Storm water management facilities

The area west of the Ellsworth access road, east of the actual maintenance facility and north of the pond shall be retained as open space with a joint use access road. No other activities shall be permitted. This area is included in the maintenance activity area for the access road and to provide additional open space square footage for the density calculations.

Hours of operation shall be limited to: Monday through Friday 6 AM to 11:30 PM, Saturday 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM and as needed for emergency services and transportation services. Trucks over 25,000 lbs. GVW shall not have access to Ellsworth Road after 8:00 PM except to perform essential City services.

Waste transfer and material recovery

Activity area shall only include:

- Drop-off recycling building
- Construction and demolition (C&D) waste tipping both in open roll-offs and under covered tipping floor
- Waste transfer station
- Outdoor trailer and roll-off container storage
- Compost equipment storage building
- Recycling truck storage building
- Truck scale and scalehouse
- Compostable material drop-off
- Compost processing, storage and distribution
- Emerald ash borer wood drop-off and processing (per agreement with Mid-Michigan recycling and Pittsfield Township)
- Employee and visitor parking

The area west of the north/south axis of the on-site access road (approximately 6 acres as shown on the Area Plan) shall be used for emerald ash borer activities and compost material drop-off, processing, storage and distribution only. No permanent building or equipment or storage of empty roll-offs or transfer trailers shall be permitted in this sub-area. Berming and/or a landscape buffer on the west boundary of this sub-area shall be provided to screen operations from any future recreation area development.

Hours of operation shall be limited to: Monday through Sunday 7 AM to 7 PM

Composting

Activity area shall only include:

- Compostable material drop-off
- Compost processing, storage and distribution
- Agriculture crops and grazing permitted in undeveloped compost areas

"Compostable" material shall be materials allowable by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as stated in the State of Michigan compost rules and in the forthcoming letter from the MDEQ to the City of Ann Arbor. All composting activities shall be in accordance with the MDEQ permit and compost rules and properly managed to prevent the contamination of surface water and ground water, and in compliance with other environmental regulations; this includes controlling noise or odor nuisances, and controlling rodents and insects. Activities located in or near a wetland or a floodplain shall be managed to prevent contamination by storm water, runoff or leachate. These restrictions and all other composting related parameters of this PUD shall replace those of Pittsfield Township CUP #91-8.

Hours of operation shall be limited to Monday through Sunday 7 AM to 7 PM. Essential site maintenance may occur at other times.

Passive recreation

Activity area shall only include:

- Wildlife and vegetation preservation and restoration
- Fishing (catch and release)
- Bird/wildlife watching and habitat study
- Observation platforms
- Non-motorized trails
- Educational displays and interpretive signage
- Picnic areas
- Parking areas
- Agriculture crops and grazing permitted in undeveloped recreation areas
- Restroom facilities
- Visitor Center

Use of motorized vehicles shall be limited to maintenance activities only

Hours of operation shall be limited to: Monday through Sunday 6 AM to dusk

Active recreation

Activity area shall only include:

- Athletic fields
- Picnic shelter/picnic areas
- Restrooms
- Play structures
- Skate park
- Golf range (including disk golf)
- Parking areas
- Agriculture crops and grazing permitted in undeveloped recreation areas

Hours of operation shall be limited to: Monday through Sunday 6 AM to dusk

4. Pedestrian Connectivity

The following shall be completed before any certificate of occupancy is issued for any building within the "Field Operations and Maintenance Facility Area" of the PUD District:

A. The City shall construct a pedestrian sidewalk or pathway that connects the Stone School Road and the Platt Road pedestrian path systems, located in the City of Ann Arbor, to the maintenance facility.

B. The City shall construct a 10 foot wide paved non-motorized pathway, approximately one foot inside of the road right-of-way of Stone School Road, from the south side of Stone Plaza to the south side of the entrance to Woodside Meadows Condominium.

The City shall construct a 10 foot wide paved non-motorized pathway adjacent to all of the City's Stone School Road frontage. A boardwalk may be substituted for paving in wet areas. The pathway shall be located approximately one foot inside of the road right-of-way. The pathway shall be completed before construction begins on any active or passive recreation facility, except the construction of paths and trails in those areas, or within ten (10) years of the adoption of this Ordinance amendment.

A paved non-motorized pathway shall be constructed to link the south west corner of the PUD District to the west side of Platt Road opposite Lillie Park north or south before any recreation facility is developed within the PUD District or within ten (10) years of the approval of the PUD.

All bike and non-motorized paths shall be 10 feet wide and paved. Other suitable material for bicycle access, such as a boardwalk, may be used where paving is not practical.

Hiking paths shall not be required to be paved.

A hiking path system similar to that depicted on the Area Plan shall be installed no later than ten (10) years after the adoption of this Ordinance amendment.

5. Vehicle Entrances

All non-City vehicles accessing the "Waste Transfer and Material Recovery Area," and "Composting Areas", shall enter and exit using the Platt Road entrance. City vehicles using the "Waste Transfer and Material Recovery Area," and "Composting Areas" shall enter and exit using the Platt Road entrance in the normal course of business, but may transit through and to other areas in the PUD District using the internal road system.

All vehicles accessing the "City of Ann Arbor Field Operations and Maintenance Facility" area, except employee, vendor and customer passenger vehicles, shall enter and exit the PUD District only from Ellsworth Road or Platt Road, except as otherwise noted. Access to a parking lot from Stone School Road shall be permitted for employee, vendor, visitor, and customer passenger vehicles. Vehicle access routes from Stone School Road to any other public road, shall be prohibited. A future parking lot in the "Active Recreation" area for park visitors and park employees shall be permitted with access from Stone School Road, north of the south line of the Woodside Meadows Condominium. Access points not depicted on the Area Plan shall be prohibited.

6. Wireless Communications Support Structures

All wireless communications support facilities over 20 feet in height shall be of a monopole design. Support structures shall not be artificially illuminated. Display of advertising or identification of any kind intended to be visible from the ground or other structures, except as required for emergency purposes, shall be prohibited. The base of the supporting structure shall be set back from all property lines a minimum distance equal to the combined overall height of the support structure. All components of the support structure shall be located at least five hundred (500) feet from any residential building. The height of the support structure shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) feet.

7. Recreation Facilities

Pittsfield Township residents shall have the right to access and enjoy all recreation facilities constructed within the Township, subject to the same conditions imposed on residents of the City of Ann Arbor.

8. Landscape Berms and Transition Strips

Before any certificate of occupancy is issued for new buildings within the "City of Ann Arbor Field Operations and Maintenance Facility" area of the PUD District, a landscaped undulating berm, whose design and construction shall be approved by the Pittsfield Township Planning Commission, shall be installed at the following minimum heights and widths in the following locations:

1. Six (6) to eight (8) feet high and 50 feet wide parallel to the Maintenance Facility parking lot and Stone School Road.

2. Eight (8) to ten (10) feet high and eighty (80) feet wide between any storage yard or storage structures and Stone School Road.

Before any certificate of occupancy is issued for new buildings within the "City of Ann Arbor Field Operations and Maintenance Facility" area of the PUD District, a landscaped transition strip of sufficient width and height shall be installed between the facility and the existing developed sites along Ellsworth Road. The Township Board may waive the requirement for the landscaping of the transition strip to be completed before a certificate of occupancy is issued if, in its opinion, the City has proceeded in good faith, the design and all permits are approved and a financial security is posted for the completion of the transition strip improvements within a specified time.

9. Bulk Limits and Setbacks

The following bulk restrictions and setbacks shall apply to each activity area.

Field Operations and Maintenance Facility:

Max. Lot Coverage - 9.5%

Max. Floor Area Ratio - 9.5%

Max. Net Lot Coverage (Impervious Ratio) - 50.0%

Min. Setback from Public Road - 50 feet

Min. Setback from Property Line - 20 feet plus a 25 foot transition strip

Max. Building Height - 35 feet, salt dome 55 feet & wireless communications tower 125 feet

Parking Space Min. Size - 9 X 20 feet

Signs - As Permitted in the Limited Industrial (I-1) Zoning District

Waste Transfer and Material Recovery Area:

Max. Lot Coverage – 15.0%

Max. Floor Area Ratio – 15.0%

Max. Net Lot Coverage (Impervious Ratio) – 50.0%

Min. Setback from Public Road – 50 feet

Min. Setback from Property Line – 20 feet plus a 25 foot transition strip

Max. Building Height – 35 feet

Parking Space Min. Size – 9 X 20 feet

Signs – As Permitted in the I-1 Zoning District

Composting Area:

Max. Lot Coverage – 0.0%

Max. Floor Area Ratio – 0.0%

Max. Net Lot Coverage (Impervious Ratio) – 15.0% north of RR ROW in area B

5.0% south of ROW in area B and areas C & D

Min. Setback from Public Road – 50 feet

Min. Setback from Property Line – 20 feet

Max. Building Height – Not Permitted

Parking Space Min. Size – Not Permitted

Signs – As Permitted in an Agricultural (AG) District

Passive Recreation Area:

Max. Lot Coverage – 1.0%

Max. Floor Area Ratio – 1.0%

Max. Net Lot Coverage (Impervious Ratio) – 1.0%

Min. Setback from Public Road – 50 feet

Min. Setback from Property Line – 20 feet

Max. Building Height – 15 feet

Parking Space Min. Size – Not Permitted

Signs – As Permitted in the Recreation (RC) Zoning District

Active Recreation Area:

Max. Lot Coverage – 2.0%

Max. Floor Area Ratio – 2.0%

Max. Net Lot Coverage (Impervious Ratio) – 15.0%

Min. Setback from Public Road – 50 feet

Min. Setback from Property Line – 20 feet plus a 25 foot transition strip

Max. Building Height – 35 feet

Parking Space Min. Size – 10 X 20 feet

Signs – As Permitted in the RC Zoning District

10. Compliance With Township Ordinances

All uses and construction shall comply with all Township Ordinances.

11. Approvals - Site plans for all development within the District shall be approved by the Pittsfield Township Planning Commission, Washtenaw County Road Commission, and Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner before any construction commences.

A true copy of the within amendment and rezoning of the Pittsfield Charter Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment shall be published in the Ypsilanti Courier, a newspaper having general circulation in said township.

A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the Pittsfield Charter Township Board on August 10, 2004, and shall become effective upon the 8th day after publication or as such date provided by law. Copies may be inspected Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office, 6201 W. Michigan Ave.

s/Christina L. Lirones,
Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township
(734) 822-3120

Date 1st Reading:
July 27, 2004
Date 2nd Reading:
August 10, 2004
Date 1st Publication:
August 5, 2004
Date 2nd Publication:
August 19,2004

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No.
2004-579 DE
Estate of
Troy Woodrow Phillips

Notice to Creditors:
The decedent, Troy Woodrow Phillips, Deceased who lived at 1231 Rambling Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan died 10/4/2001. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James H. Phillips, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 and the named personal representative within: 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
John M. Barr
(P10475)
105 Pearl Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 481-1234

James H. Phillips
10495 Liss Road
Willis, MI 48191
(734) 587-3871
Published Aug. 19, 2004

CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
AUGUST 4, 2004

Meeting called to order by Mayor Farmer, at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers, located at 1 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Proclamation, "Athens 2004 Olympic Month," Dr. Ellene Contis.

Regional Transportation, Carmine Palombo, P.E., Director of Transportation Programs, SEMCOG.

Water Street Update Presentation, Megan Gibb, Director of Planning and Development.

Minutes of July 20, 2004, were approved.

Public Hearing to receive public comments on One Man and a Pan Café and Catering, Inc. to transfer the license location from 18-20 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti, MI; to transfer the classification of this license from Tavern to Class C; and to request a new Sunday Sales and Dance Entertainment Permit in conjunction with this licensed.

Second Reading of proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to consider rezoning 710/712 North River Street from R1 to R2, was approved and declared adopted.

Resolution appointing Ypsilanti's Official Representative for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Business Meeting in September, was approved.

Resolution approving the four year contract between the City and the COAM and Authorizes the Mayor, Interim City Clerk, and Human Resources Director to sign the contract, was approved.

Resolution approving the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract No. 04-5273 between the City and MDOT for Job No. 51011, and authorize the Mayor and Interim City Clerk to sign contract with MDOT, was approved.

Resolution approving the Detroit Edison Easement and authorizing the Mayor and Interim City Clerk to sign the agreement, was approved.

Resolution rejecting the bid submitted by the ABC Paving Company for the Ypsilanti Downtown Streetscape Improvements Phase II project and request the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority to proceed with appropriate measures to re-issue a request for bids, was approved.

Resolution approving the new City flag that reflects the new City logo, was approved.

Reports were heard.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Cheryl Farmer
Mayor
Attest:
Cherry Lawson
Interim City Clerk

Published: August 19, 2004

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Kenmore Washer/dryer 26" apartment size. Never used. $200 each. 461-9710

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Journal Register Company completes acquisition of 21st Century Newspapers

TRENTON, N.J. - Journal Register Company (NYSE: JRC) announced yesterday that it has completed the acquisition of 21st Century Newspapers Inc., based in Pontiac, Mich., a privately held operator of one of the largest newspaper clusters in the United States. The purchase price was $415 million.

"Frank Shepherd and his team at 21st Century put together an excellent newspaper cluster," said Robert M. Jelenic, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Journal Register Company. "We firmly believe that under our ownership we will be able to continue to build on the excellent foundation Frank and his team has built.

"Journal Register Company is committed to improve on the solid local news and sports coverage in these publications," said Jelenic. "Our team is excited at the opportunity to provide first-class local journalism to our readers in Michigan."

The acquisition includes four daily newspapers: The Daily Oakland Press (67,750 daily circulation and 81,500 Sunday), The Macomb Daily (45,500 daily, 67,000 Sunday), The Daily Tribune in Royal Oak (13,000 daily, 15,000 Sunday), and The Morning Sun in Mount Pleasant (11,000 daily, 13,000 Sunday). The acquisition also includes 87 nondaily publications, with approximately 1.5 million nondaily distribution.

The 21st Century newspaper cluster becomes the Journal Register Company's second largest cluster based on revenues, after the company's Greater Philadelphia cluster. The Daily Oakland Press and The Macomb Daily become the company's second and third largest newspapers, respectively, with the New Haven Register in Connecticut remaining the company's flagship and largest newspaper.

Thomas E. Rice, Journal Register Company's senior vice president of operations, will oversee the company's Michigan cluster.

The publicly held Journal Register Company is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol JRC.

The acquisition increases Journal Register Company's holdings to 27 daily newspapers, with combined daily circulation of approximately 650,000 and Sunday circulation of approximately 675,000, and 327 nondaily publications, with combined nondaily distribution of more than 5 million.

All of the company's operations are strategically clustered in seven geographic areas: Greater Philadelphia; Michigan; Connecticut; Greater Cleveland; Central New England; and the Capital-Saratoga and Mid-Hudson regions of New York.

St. Pierre

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missed," Peters said.

Ypsilanti Township Treasurer Brenda Stumbo said, "Brett was the Chair of Ypsi Pride and that exemplified him. His philosophy was life is good. He was always willing to accept any challenge. He was kind and giving and helpful. He will be greatly missed."

Brinker said Mr. St. Pierre had a sign on the wall of his office that he lived by: "Service is the lifeblood of an organization. Everything flows from it and is nourished by it. Customer service is not a department … it's an attitude."

"Brett lived up to that saying every day," said Brinker.

Mr. St. Pierre was born on Dec. 27, 1958, to Donald and Corrine (Vogel) St. Pierre in Wayne County, Mich. They preceded him in death.

Mr. St. Pierre is survived by his loving wife, Lisa; his daughters, Cortney (Stephan) and Jessica; his stepmother, Betty St. Pierre; four sisters; two brothers, and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as a loving foster family.

He also is survived by his loyal dogs, Pete and Cody.

Brett graduated from Huron High School and became the head of the maintenance and grounds department for Lake in the Woods Apartments from 1981 – 1997.

From 1997 to the present, he had been the Director of Residential Services for Ypsilanti Township.

He was a dedicated community volunteer, coordinating Ypsilanti Pride Day, the township fireworks and 4th of July Parade Floats.

He belonged to the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Washtenaw Sportsmen's Club.

He was an avid motorcyclist and belonged to the Ann Arbor Star Touring and Riding Association Chapter 317.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed bow hunting, rifle hunting, fishing, boating and mushrooming.

Brett was an award-winning wild game chef, with a true love of cooking and food.

The family was to receive friends at the Nie Family Funeral Home, 2400 Carpenter Road, on Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 2-8 pm.

The funeral service was scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Memorial Christian Church, 730 Tappan St., in Ann Arbor at 11 a.m. Cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association Memorial and Honor Program, PO Box 1132, Fairfax, VA 22038-113.

Ypsilanti Township offices were to be closed Thursday, Aug. 19, in memory of Mr. St. Pierre.

The offices will re-open Friday with regular business hours.

Event

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offer to an already established festival, celebrating its 26th year is, Gilmartin said, "I hope to bring to the festival a clear view of somebody whose stepping into an all-volunteer organization, somebody that can organize the festival in such a way, (to) take some (of the) burden off the volunteer committee chairs. (Enabling) them to work more efficiently, to make better use of their time. Not to replace any of the volunteer committee people, but to create a structure that supports them. I hope to advance the goals of the festival that way."

The Ypsilanti Heritage Festival is an organization held up by hundreds of volunteers. It is these people with whom Gilmartin said he is deeply impressed.

"I've really been astonished by the dedication of the leaders and volunteers of the festival. They really love the city of Ypsilanti – I can't say it any other way – they love this city. To see that kind of dediction is really remarkable."

From the beginning, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival has been a celebration of Ypsilanti's heritage; past, present and future.

"It really does try to celebrate the creativity of the community in Ypsilanti, and the many communities that overlap in the city," Gilmartin said. "The festival works at being a platform for the creativity that's going on in the city. I've known about this for a long time, but now (I've) seen it up close. Ypsilanti is a tremendously creative place, and I think it's poised for extraordinary growth in that area."

"The festival wants to maintain its identity as a heritage festival," Gilmartin said. It's a celebration of our history, but also a celebration of the people who live in Ypsilanti now. As the city evolves, so too will the YHF."

It is a festival for families. There are close to 100 arts and crafts vendors; there is a children's village in Riveside Park that offers Colors the Clown, face painting, a special program from Domino's Petting Farm and more. For older kids, there's a historical camp, featuring camp life, craft demonstrations and historical talks. Other attractions include musical entertainment, homes and museum tours and that favorite traditional attraction of them all: a good old fashion parade.

Kevin Gilmartin not only fills the position of coordinator for the YHF, he also serves as director of the Performing Arts Center in Dexter.

"Michigan is my home," Gilmartin said. I'm married and my children were born here. This is home for everybody. It's very nice to be able to work with local communities. Michigan had been very good to me."

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